

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATORY LANGUAGE  
Title 16, Division 39, California Code of Regulations

Proposed amendments are shown by underline for new text.

Article 6. Advanced Practice

§ 4152.1. Use of Topical Medications

(a) An occupational therapist who is approved by the Board to perform advanced practices in physical agent modalities may administer topical medications to a patient via iontophoresis and phonophoresis.

(b) As used in this article "topical medications" means medications for use with iontophoresis or phonophoresis applied locally to the skin or underlying tissue where such medications require a prescription or order under federal or state law.

(c) Topical medications administered via iontophoresis or phonophoresis shall be applied or administered by an occupational therapist in accordance with this section.

(1) Any topical medication applied or administered via iontophoresis or phonophoresis shall be ordered on a specific or standing basis by a practitioner legally authorized to order or prescribe such medication pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2571(a).

(2) Written protocols shall be prepared for the administration or application of medications utilized for iontophoresis or phonophoresis for which a prescription is required under federal or state law, which shall include a description of the medication, its actions, its indications and contraindications, and the proper procedure and technique for the application or administration of medication.

(3) Supervision of the administration of topical medications by an occupational therapist under this section shall be in accordance with Article 9.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 163.5 and 2570.20, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 2571, Business and Professions Code.